

**CITY OF BURIEN, WASHINGTON**  
**Parks and Recreation Advisory Board**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Date – August 12, 2009**  
**Time - 7:00 PM**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Chris Ndifon	Jean Spohn	Larry Moormeier
Ted Fosberg	Ed Dacy	Sheryl Knowles

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

None

**STAFF PRESENT**

Steve Roemer, Parks Development and Operations Manager

**GUESTS PRESENT**

Barbara Williams and other Environmental Science Center members

Chris Ndifon called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00 PM.

**CITIZEN COMMENT**

Members of Sustainable Burien spoke on the topic of supporting community gardens.

Specific comments included:

- Desire to have gardens in summer 2010
- They have established a garden at the BIAS site and are coordinating its maintenance
- Would like to be involved and assist with the establishment of gardens in Burien
- Can provide volunteer support
- Community gardens help individuals grow their own produce, reducing the need to travel outside of local area, thus reducing driving and our carbon footprint

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA & AGENDA REVIEW**

No changes.

**MEETING MINUTES**

The minutes from the June 10, 2009 meeting were approved 6/0/0.

## **AGENDA AND ACTION ITEMS**

### **PRESENTATION**

- Barbara Williams provided an update on the Environmental Science Center
  - ✓ The ESC provides programs to over 10,000 children and adults per year, or 15,400 hours of education on environmental topics.
  - ✓ Programming includes; school programs meeting current school curriculums, citizen beach monitoring, Summer Science Blast (8 day camp), No Child Left Inside environmental science club, Moonlight Beach Walks.
  - ✓ The ESC building is currently being constructed and will provide a world class, state of the art education center. The total project cost is \$1.2 million and to date the ESC has raised \$950,000.

### **POLICY DISCUSSION**

- Community Gardens: The Board and staff discussed community garden program development focusing on the topics of Location and Site Amenities.

#### **Location**

- ✓ Permanent, not temporary, unless very overriding, contributing site conditions.
- ✓ Don't create in existing, programmed park sites
- ✓ Look into the Navos Burien Heights Residence site, as a possible future location.
- ✓ Accessibility to gardens important both related to ADA and public transportation.
- ✓ Consider areas of high population densities.
- ✓ Potentially start with two pilot sites to evaluate proper siting, user demand and program success.
- ✓ Potentially site on location that is highly visible to generate interest/ awareness.
- ✓ Don't ignore the northern and southern areas of Burien as potential locations.
- ✓ Investigate vacant parcels, rights of ways, un-programmed park space

#### **Site Amenities**

- ✓ Fencing for security
- ✓ Storage for tools and supplies
- ✓ Water for irrigation
- ✓ Some raised beds for elderly and ADA
- ✓ Composting space
- ✓ Compacted gravel surfacing where needed for accessibility, outlying areas woodchips
- ✓ Shelter for sun and rain, with table and seating
- ✓ Bulletin Board
- ✓ Good quality bedding soil

#### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND/OR QUESTIONS**

- Community Garden topics
- Seahurst Park North Shore restoration project update
- 2010 Parks budget reductions
- Annexation as related to the parks
- Update on the Department's move to the old Library
- Recreation program updates

#### **FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER**

- Ed Dacy provided a recap of the Adult softball tournament held at Moshier fields on August 8<sup>th</sup>.
- The meeting was adjourned at 9:00PM.

Respectfully submitted by Steve Roemer, Parks Manager , Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services